

Development--El Mirage (FINAL)

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A. Statement of Development Activity

The BLM Barstow Field Office will develop a technical course for off-highway vehicles in the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area to teach safe and proper riding/driving techniques, help improve basic riding/driving skills, deliver ATV and motorcycle training under the guidelines set forth by the American Safety Institute & the National Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and provide a challenging riding course. Included would be fencing around the technical course, interpretive kiosk & panels, installation of vault toilets, construction of a group campsite, and a motorcycle/ATV off-loading ramp.

Installation of vault toilets and a group campsite near the technical course would be necessary to accommodate the outdoor training class, the high amount of day use the technical course would most likely receive, and use by others staging and riding in the general area. An off-loading ramp would be constructed to expedite loading and unloading of OHVs especially during ATV training. This will ensure that time is not wasted setting up off-loading ramps or, more importantly, the possibility of injury occurring due to improper use of ramps or individuals trying to lift their OHV off/on their transport vehicle with no ramp.

Fencing around the technical course would be required to prevent conflict with day users when training is occurring, ensure staging and camping do not occur within the course area, distinguish the technical course from the main open area so other users do not inadvertently cross the course, and to close the technical course during nighttime to prevent any possible injuries and unnecessary vandalism. A kiosk and Interpretive panels would also be constructed to provide general information on the technical course and any other pertinent information that would benefit the rider.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

The Management Plan for the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area (1990) identifies that the area will be managed under the principles of multiple-use, including but not limited to such activities as recreation, mining, grazing, and commercial filming. One of the main goals in establishing the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area was to provide the public long-term opportunities for outdoor recreation, primarily OHV use. Public use of the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area has increased dramatically in the last five years and the increase is expected to continue, based on projections of population growth and limits to opportunities for open space recreation in the high desert/Victor Valley area.

Most of today's riders are young adults who are looking for the terrain that will provide them a challenging, yet safe riding experience. Technical courses can provide this opportunity, while building and enhancing their riding skills and abilities in a controlled environment. This technical course will be designed to: (1) test physical readiness through balance and agility, (2) encourage social/emotional skills by obeying posted signs and rules, and demonstrating a safety-conscious attitude and awareness of possible injury from reckless OHV operation, (3) develop reasoning and decision-making abilities by understanding that they can get hurt as a result of making a poor choice (4) test visual perceptions and motor development by being able to react with the proper hand, foot, or body movement; the ability to see to the sides while looking straight ahead; and judging distance in order to react properly. The technical course and facilities would provide an easily accessible, contained environment for visitors to develop safe and responsible OHV operating skills.

The important educational benefits provided by the OHV technical course would greatly reduce the negative environmental impacts of OHV use in the surrounding public lands by educating new users on the important differences between using an OHV in an open use area and in a limited use area, where OHV use is restricted to a designated route network.

Additionally the OHV technical course would educate the area's diverse users on the importance of sharing in the recreational opportunities provided by the El Mirage OHV area. This will significantly reduce conflicts among user groups and assist in the management of the area during periods of high visitation.

The results desired for this project are: reduced incidents requiring first aid; improved environmental stewardship; and fewer conflicts among competing uses.

C. Size of the proposed development

The El Mirage OHV Recreation Area contains 25,850 acres designated open for legal OHV recreation. The technical course will be approximately 0.1 miles by 0.4 miles or 25.6 acres. This will include the area of the group campsite and restroom.

D. Timeline for Project Completion

Attachments:

[Technical Course Timeline](#)

E. Location and Description of OHV Opportunities

These improvements would be within the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area located in the western Mojave Desert, 25 miles northwest of Victorville, and 30 miles east of Lancaster. The El Mirage OHV Recreation Area provides 25,000 acres of OHV riding that includes hundreds of miles of haphazard single and dual track trails that have been laid down over the last 50 years from intensive OHV use. The recreation area is completely contained (fenced) and OHV riding is either illegal or discouraged outside the boundaries. The El Mirage OHV area also provides connectivity to some state, regional, and national trail systems through gates in the perimeter to other sites by permit for special events. For example, the annual Los Angeles to Barstow to Las Vegas Dual Sport Ride has gone through the recreation area. Riders enter at the south end on the main access road, traverse the recreation area, and exit through a gate opened on the west boundary.

Although the most popular feature of this OHV area is the five mile long and flat El Mirage Dry Lake, the OHV Area also has several square miles of steep and rocky terrain in the surrounding Shadow Mountains. This terrain is challenging and difficult for users to enjoy safely on an OHV. However, these surrounding ridges and ravines are often inviting to OHV users whose operating skills and experience may only be suited for the lakebed. The OHV technical course will provide a perfect venue for inexperienced riders to hone their riding skills prior to venturing out in this rough terrain. The course would consist of a series of obstacles that are necessary to conduct certified training, as well as additional obstacles for riders to test and improve upon their operating skills. Obstacles would include a sand area, a mud area, a log roll and straddle area, a worm track, and small hills and rock piles—to replicate some of the rugged terrain they may encounter in the El Mirage OHV area.

Additional Documentation

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1. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans

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[Group Campsite](#)

[Technical Course Layout](#)

[Vault Toilets](#)

[ATV Off-loading ramp](#)

2. Land Tenure Certification

3. Project Specific Maps

Attachments:

[Location of El Mirage, CA](#)

[Location of El Mirage OHV Area](#)

[Location of Technical Course Site](#)

4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Attachments:

[Site Photos](#)

[Technical Course Site](#)

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Barstow Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Development--El Mirage (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-01-04-D02
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	<p>The BLM Barstow Field Office will develop a technical course for off-highway vehicles in the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area to teach safe and proper riding/driving techniques, help improve basic riding/driving skills, deliver ATV and motorcycle training under the guidelines set forth by the American Safety Institute & the National Motorcycle Safety Foundation, and provide a challenging riding course. Included would be fencing around the technical course, interpretive kiosk & panels, installation of vault toilets, construction of a group campsite, and a motorcycle/ATV off-loading ramp.</p> <p>Installation of vault toilets and a group campsite near the technical course would be necessary to accommodate the outdoor training class, the high amount of day use the technical course would most likely receive, and use by others staging and riding in the general area. An off-loading ramp would be constructed to expedite loading and unloading of OHVs especially during ATV training. This will ensure that time is not wasted setting up off-loading ramps or, more importantly, the possibility of injury occurring due to improper use of ramps or individuals trying to lift their OHV off/on their transport vehicle with no ramp.</p> <p>Fencing around the technical course would be required to prevent conflict with day users when training is occurring, ensure staging and camping do not occur within the course area, distinguish the technical course from the main open area so other users do not inadvertently cross the course, and to close the technical course during nighttime to prevent any possible injuries and unnecessary vandalism. A kiosk and Interpretive panels would also be constructed to provide general information on the technical course and any other pertinent information that would benefit the rider.</p>		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Senior Maintenance Worker Notes : Will supervise post & cable project , fire crew, and kiosk pad & installation	560.000	40.000	HRS	11,200.00	11,200.00	22,400.00
	Park Maintenance Worker Notes : will assist with kiosk pad & installation project and clean restrooms	40.000	35.000	HRS	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: BLM - Barstow Field Office
Application: Development--EI Mirage (FINAL)

2/25/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Heavy Equipment Operator	375.000	40.000	HRS	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	Other-Recreation Chief Notes : will oversee entire project from start to finish	560.000	54.000	HRS	0.00	30,240.00	30,240.00
	Other-Biologist Notes : will monitor course construction	125.000	45.000	HRS	0.00	5,625.00	5,625.00
	Other-Volunteer Labor	120.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
	Other-Contracting Officer Rep.	400.000	40.000	HRS	8,000.00	8,000.00	16,000.00
	Other-Project Inspector	400.000	35.000	HRS	7,000.00	7,000.00	14,000.00
	Other-Fire crew Notes : 4 members of the BLM firecrew to set picnic tables, firering, and BBQ	160.000	25.000	HRS	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
	Other-Engineering Review	80.000	50.000	HRS	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
	Total for Staff				45,200.00	69,865.00	115,065.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-CCC Crew Notes : price for a 10 man crew and supervisor	10.000	1200.000	DAY	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
	Other-Arch & Engineering	1.000	16000.000	PKG	16,000.00	0.00	16,000.00
	Other-Road base w/delivery Notes : price per ton	1000.000	25.000	MISC	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
	Other-24' Shade installed	1.000	25000.000	EA	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
	Other-Picnic Tables, BBQ & fire ring del Notes : picnic tables \$600. ea = \$2400 Group BBQ \$2400. Group fire pit \$1000. Delivery \$1000	1.000	6800.000	EA	6,800.00	0.00	6,800.00

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2/25/2010

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	These items are all ordered from the same company and exceed the BLM \$3000 purchase limit so they must be ordered through a contract process.						
	Other-Vault Toilet installed	1.000	30000.000	EA	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
	Total for Contracts				114,800.00	0.00	114,800.00
3	Materials / Supplies						
	Other-Signs Notes : This will include on-site course purpose and instructions.	30.000	100.000	EA	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
	Other-Design, Print Training Materials Notes : Training materials will be designed specifically for the course to include a map and description of all obstacles. Notebooks will be developed for each participant.	10000.00 0	1.500	EA	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
	Other-Logs for Training Course Notes : Large tree logs will be purchased to place within the technical course to be used to test riding skills through, around and over natural or built obstacles.	12.000	50.000	EA	600.00	0.00	600.00
	Other-Rocks for Training Course Notes : price is per ton	40.000	40.000	EA	1,600.00	0.00	1,600.00
	Other-Post & Cable	0.500	13000.000	MI	6,500.00	0.00	6,500.00
	Other-Gate	2.000	250.000	EA	500.00	0.00	500.00
	Other-ATV Ramp Wood & Hardware	1.000	5000.000	EA	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	Other-concrete for post & cable	11.000	100.000	YD	1,100.00	0.00	1,100.00
	Other-concrete for ATV ramp	10.000	100.000	LB	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total for Materials / Supplies				34,300.00	0.00	34,300.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						

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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Heavy Equipment-use, fuel, trans.	3.000	2000.000	MOS	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Other-Vehicles	3.000	875.000	MOS	0.00	2,625.00	2,625.00
	Total for Equipment Use Expenses				0.00	8,625.00	8,625.00
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Admin	400.000	35.000	HRS	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00
Total Program Expenses					208,300.00	78,490.00	286,790.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					208,300.00	78,490.00	286,790.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					208,300.00	78,490.00	286,790.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
Agency: BLM - Barstow Field Office
Application: Development--El Mirage (FINAL)

2/25/2010

	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	45,200.00	69,865.00	115,065.00	
2	Contracts	114,800.00	0.00	114,800.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	34,300.00	0.00	34,300.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	8,625.00	8,625.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

There are no wetlands in this project area. Vegetation: A recent rare plant baseline survey was conducted by the West Mojave Desert Monitoring Team throughout the El Mirage Cooperative Area as part of the 2004 State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division regulations governing the contents of the Habitat Management Plan (HMP) as part of the environmental documentation for grant applications to the Division and the OHMVR Commission (CCR Title 14, Division 3, Chapter 15, Article 3, 4970.14). No known state or federally-listed threatened or endangered plant species are known to exist in the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area. No candidate species are known to be present.

The proposed project would require moving of soil to eliminate worm tracks, building berms, securing poles in the ground, and grading trails. Trails would also be lined with bales of hay to ensure that riders stay on the one-way course. Vegetation located within the proposed site that would be disturbed by this action consists mainly of Creosote, Russian thistle, Mojave Saltbush-Allscale Scrub, and annual forbs such as Mustards and Amsinkia.

Wildlife: Wildlife species diversity is low within the proposed project area. In addition, water is scarce within the proposed project area further limiting animal species and distribution. Other factors affecting wildlife habitat quality within the proposed project area are introduction of several invasive plant species, large areas of no vegetation, and off-highway vehicle use.

Threatened and Endangered Species: This is covered extensively under the attached Biological Opinion 1-6-90-F-36, Formal Consultation, which addresses the Mohave ground squirrel (*Spermophilus mohavensis*) and desert tortoise (*Gopherus agassizii*). These issues would apply to the proposed ground disturbance improvements.

Two Mohave ground squirrel studies (May 2002 and May 2004) have been conducted by Philip Leitner throughout the El Mirage Cooperative Management Area as part of the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division regulations governing the contents of the Habitat Management Plan (HMP) as part of the environmental documentation for grant applications to the Division and the OHMVR Commission (CCR Title 14, Division 3, Chapter 15, Article 3, 4970.14). It was determined that no populations of the Mohave ground squirrels are found at El Mirage.

Species of Special Concern: There are no species of special concern located within the proposed project areas. However, there are several sensitive species located throughout the Management Area. page 7 of EA

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

Past, present, and reasonably foreseeable cumulative impacts for activities proposed within the geographic area in question, The El Mirage OHV Open Area, have been adequately evaluated in the El Mirage Cooperative Management Plan, including the proposed actions. There would be a net positive cumulative impact to natural and man made environment. See section 4.2 page 13 of EA

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

There would be negligible impacts because of the technical course on the geology of the area. The soils on which the projects will be developed are not subject to subsidence or expansion and are mainly alluvium resources. There would be minor short term negative impacts from erosion, changes in topography, or unstable soil conditions from excavation, grading or fill. Soil erosion could cause an impact if materials blow from the site or are removed by runoff. Any materials that blow away would tend to be fin-size materials. This would increase the dust concentration in the project vicinity resulting in air quality deterioration on a short-term basis. Section 4.1 page 10 in EA

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

There were no scenic/visual resources impacted in this project.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

No known cultural resources will be impacted.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

There is a very low potential for this project to cause indirect significant impacts by causing user groups to go elsewhere, or causing impacts off-site because this project provides positive benefits and only impacts a small footprint in the general area of the existing visitor center. This project is a new outdoor training course for the safe and responsible use of OHs. Use in the vicinity of the project will increase by design because the developments we are building are intended for increased use. This is the most intensively developed portion of the recreation area. The series of improvements are intended to work together in a smooth flow of traffic and disperse separate activities using directed use areas. The training site is 1 directed use area.

This improvement, combined with maintenance and operations help from our partners, is to create an attractive setting drawing OHV riders to EI Mirage, thereby avoiding dislocation to elsewhere and the potential resulting off-site impacts.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[Technical Course EA #CA-680-06-62](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1 Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the Project costs covered by the Applicant is 3

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)
☐ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☒ 26% - 50% (3 points)
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2 Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 2a., 2b., & 2c.

2. Natural and Cultural Resources

- a. Natural and Cultural Resources: Species 5

Enter the number of special-status species that are known to occur in the Project Area

Number of special-status species 0

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species occur in Project Area (5 points)
☐ One to five special-status species occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Six to ten special-status species in Project area (2 points)
☐ More than ten special-status species occur in Project area (No points)

b. Habitat

- b. Natural and Cultural Resources: Habitat 5

Potential Effects on special-status species habitat (Check the one most appropriate)

Special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project Area (if YES, enter number of species).. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Habitat for special-status species known to occur in Project Area (enter number of species)

Reference Document

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No special-status species habitat is known to occur in the Project area (5 points)
☐ Habitat for one to five special-status species is known to occur in Project area (3 points)
☐ Habitat for six to ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (2 points)
☐ Habitat for more than ten special-status species is known to occur in Project area (No points)

c. Cultural Resources

- c. Cultural Resources 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ Project would provide additional protection to cultural sites (5 points)
- ☒ Project area has no known cultural sites (4 points)
- ☐ Identified cultural sites in the Project area will not be affected (3 points)
- ☐ Project impacts to cultural sites will be mitigated (No points)
- ☐ Project has unavoidable detrimental impacts to cultural resources (No points, Project application will be returned to Applicant without further consideration)

Reference Document

Project EA, CA-680-06-62

3 Diversified Use - Q 3.

3. The Project is designed to provide for diversified OHV use 3

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATV | <input type="checkbox"/> 4X4 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> M.C. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation Utility Vehicle (RUV) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snowmobile | <input type="checkbox"/> Dune buggy, rail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) | |

Describe the nature of the facilities for each item checked above:

ATV & Motorcycle safety training and advanced skill training/practice for ATV, motorcycles and RUV.

4 Publicly Reviewed Plan - Q 4.

4. Is there a publicly reviewed and adopted plan that supports the need for the Project? 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Identify plan

The publicly reviewed and adopted El Mirage Management Plan number one goal is to provide the greatest amount of recreation opportunities, free of restrictive zoning or regulation. The plan includes visitor services to attain this goal. Our project complies with BLM and State OHV Green Sticker Program policy requirements to implement education and safety programs to help fulfill this goal.

5 Recycled Materials - Q 5.

5. The Project makes substantial use of recycled content building materials such as 5

- Materials diverted from landfills
- Recycled plastic lumber
- Fly ash content concrete

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (5 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Fly ash content concrete is available at a local ready mix plant and will be used for all project cement, we will use road base with recycled materials, we will attempt to use debris diverted from landfills that was cleared from construction sites for obstacle course. We will work to use recycled materials for as much of the development as possible, including used pipe/cable for traffic/parking control; brochures & printed material will use recycled paper.

6 Sustainable Technologies - Q 6.

6. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as: 4

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Repaving with permeable asphalt
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Practices that meet U.S. Green Building Council LEED Silver standard
- Water efficient landscaping
- Low-flow plumbing fixtures
- Utilizing local building materials

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☐ No (No points)

☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

The project will utilize regionally local building materials such as tree logs and site debris in the obstacle course. Our future plans for site landscaping include low-flow plumbing fixtures, rainwater harvesting and water efficient automated drip systems w/rain & moisture sensors. We are not building a facility where USGBC standards apply.

7 Sustain Existing OHV Recreation - Q 7.

7. The Project is designed to sustain existing OHV Recreation 3

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ Project directly improves or sustains existing OHV Opportunity (3 points)

☐ Project improves support facilities associated with existing OHV Opportunity (2 points)

☐ Project involves construction of a facility associated with new OHV Opportunity (No points)

8 Motorized Access - Q 8.

8. The Project improves facilities that provide motorized access to the following nonmotorized recreation opportunities 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☐ Birding

☐ Hiking

☐ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☐ Rock Climbing

☐ Other (Specify)

9 Public Input - Q 9.

9. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 1 point each, up to a maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)

☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)

☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The project has been discussed at several Friends of El Mirage meetings for the past 4 years. All these meetings are posted on their website and newsletter and the public is invited to attend. Stakeholders that attend these meetings are CORVA, Windwizards, LA & San Bernardino Counties, CAL 4wheel Drive, and Southern California Timing Association (SCTA).

10 Utilization of Partnerships - Q 10.

10. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points) ☐ 1 (1 point)
☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s)

Friends of El Mirage, Southern California Timing Association (SCTA), Admo Tours, and San Bernardino & LA Counties.

11 Primary Funding Source - Q 11.

11. Primary funding source for future operational costs associated with the Project will be 5

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ Applicant's operational budget (5 points)
☐ Volunteer support and/or donations (3 points)
☐ Other Grant funding (2 points)
☐ OHV Trust Funds (No points)

Explain checked statement

El Mirage OHV area is a fee based area. Last year a majority of the budget was spent on O & M.

12 Offsite Impacts - Q 12.

12. Offsite impacts relative to the Project Area (e.g., sound, fugitive dust, runoff) have been addressed: 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ No (No points) ☒ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

Offsite impacts relative to the project area are addressed throughout the attached NEPA document--CA-680-06-62.

13 Riparian/Wetland Issues - Q 13.

13. Does the Project Area contain Riparian/Wetland issues? 10

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ No (10 points) ☐ Yes (if yes - respond to item below)

The Project utilizes the following techniques to prevent damage to, or restore Riparian/Wetland areas

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☐ Re-routes to divert trails away from Riparian/Wetlands areas (2 points)
☐ Well documented evaluation and monitoring strategies (list reference document) (2 points)
☐ Provide bridges instead of wet crossings (2 points)
☐ Provide sanitary facilities (2 points)

- ☐ Restrict public vehicular access in Riparian/Wetland areas by placing physical barriers (e.g., gates, fences, bollard, boulders) (2 points)

Reference Document